

THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

Mock Interview

Northwest Missouri State University students need to sign up by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, for Career Services' Mock Interview Day, which will take place Wednesday, Sept. 30, on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Mock Interview Day is a chance for students to practice their interviewing skills with employers and other professionals and is open to all majors. Career Services invites a mix of employers to campus for this event based on requests from faculty and a statistical analysis of previous events.

Each mock interview session lasts about 40 minutes and includes a 20-minute interview followed by resume evaluation and feedback, when employers offer suggestions for improvement.

For more information or to register for Mock Interview Day, visit www.nwmissouri.edu/careerserv/index.htm.

COMMUNITY

Downtown Revitalization

A Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri Initiative Annual Review and the Downtown Building Design Guidelines will be the topics on Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Nodaway Valley County Administration Building meeting room.

The Design Concepts will be used to determine appropriate guidelines for private development and redevelopment downtown.

Strategic Plan contains information that has been gathered by other DREAM tasks. That along with public input will help identify issues and projects to implement.

BEARCATS

Thursday
- Soccer, 7 p.m. at Missouri Western, St. Joseph, Mo.

Friday
- Women's Tennis, 8 a.m. ITA Regional Tournament at Topeka, Kan.
- Volleyball, 7 p.m. vs. Pittsburg State at home

Saturday
- Football, 1 p.m. vs. Truman at home (Hickory Stick Game)
- Volleyball, 5 p.m. vs. Southwest Baptist at home

SPOOFHOUNDS

Thursday
- Volleyball, 5 p.m. vs. Cameron at home
- Soccer, 4 p.m. vs. Savannah at home
- Softball, 5 p.m. vs. Benton St. Joseph away.

Friday
- Football, 7 p.m. vs. Cameron at home

Saturday
- Softball Mid Buchanan Tournament

Monday
- Soccer, 5 p.m. vs. Lafayette St. Joseph away
- Softball, 5 p.m. vs. Lafayette St. Joseph at home

Tuesday
- Volleyball, 5 p.m. vs. Lafayette St. Joseph at home
- Soccer, 5 p.m. vs. Smithville away

MOURNING

Campus, friends remember, pay tribute to student's short life

By Greg Miller
News Editor

"The rain was fitting for such a terrible day." The post from Emily Weber's Facebook account sums up the feeling of shock and sadness to Britnee Baldrige's friends and college family when they learned of her death Monday afternoon.

Every person who knew Britnee described her as someone who lived every moment

for its worth.

"She always jumped at an opportunity, she loved life and she's the one who could get anyone out of their comfort zone and not make them feel like they were out of their comfort zone, she was right there with them," said Jill Lathrop, one of her best friends.

Britnee was pronounced dead in Tower Suites West at approximately 2 p.m. Monday. The coroner's preliminary

report ruled her death was triggered by natural causes.

A sign of the times, Britnee's Facebook page was immediately flooded with posts of sadness and remembrance, even before officials released her name.

Jill said the first time she met Britnee was completely sporadic.

"I randomly met her knocking on everyone's door, when we were jogging. I

couldn't find anyone to go jogging with and she answered," she said.

"She always helped me, she was my best friend, she was the first friend I made and we never did anything apart."

Emily Weber, another close friend, said Britnee was someone who helped anyone she could.

"She was so carefree," Emily said. "If she saw you were having a bad day she'd drop

For a tribute to Britnee's life see A4.

everything and run and tackle you. That's what I will truly miss."

Trae Pyfrom, a close friend, said Britnee could be a good friend with a stranger immediately.

"We used to joke that within five minutes of meeting anybody she could have their social security number," he said.

See **BRITNEE** on **A5**

HAZING PREVENTION WEEK



Week focuses on hauling abusive initiations

By Trey Williams
Missourian Reporter

Animal House, Old School, Accepted; these films and others like them are notorious for the way they negatively portray Greek life and pledging. These movies are filled with situations that might be hilarious, but would make anyone in real life uncomfortable.

Fortunately for pledges at Northwest, hazing is not tolerated. Colleges across the nation are taking up arms against hazing.

Monday started National Hazing Prevention Week. During this awareness week, Northwest, along with hundreds of other colleges, will have seminars and discussions with the intent of making hazing recognizable and avoidable.

The official definition of

hazing is any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off chapter premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.

However, Interfraternity Council President Anthony Mittan takes a broader approach to hazing.

"When pledges are so busy they can't do things they do everyday. When they're missing meals or can't get their homework done," said Mittan.

To go along with speakers and group discussions, every year each member of a Greek organization must sign a no hazing compliancy form. These forms are kept on file in case any issues arise.

According to Mittan, no cases of hazing have been reported in the last five to ten years. The IFC deals with minor issues that

might include a simple schedule conflict. More severe cases get passed on to the dean of students. Although there haven't been any recorded incidents involving hazing in the last five years, penalties in the past have been as severe as getting rid of entire Greek organizations.

"Although hazing for Greek Organizations has been a major issue, TKE here at Northwest has a firm stance on never allowing this to occur," said Cameron Hill, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Although this week focuses on hazing awareness for fraternities and sororities, Mittan thinks other organizations need to get involved as well.

"Media has portrayed Greek organizations for being notorious for hazing and that sort of behavior,

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RESERVE OFFICER'S TRAINING CORP

ROTC cadet contracts on rise, campaign to bolster ranks succeeding

By Seth Cook
Editor in Chief

Sweat runs off the brim of their noses and plummets to the gym floor as they run down-and-backs in Lamkin. Huffing-and-puffing fills the air as the cadets try to catch their breath during early morning physical training.

It is hard to get used to, they say, waking up in the early hours of the morning and busting their tails, but in the end it is worth it.

These dedicated cadets

are the Army ROTC Company stationed here on campus; a company that, in the past, has seen a decrease of numbers on their ranks.

In the mid '90s the campus had a battalion of its own, according to National Guard Liaison Rick Frese. But with the decline of interest in the program, the battalion was dissolved. Instead, now around three or four schools, including UMKC and Benedictine College,

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LT. COL. MARCUS Majure congratulates Cadet Ariel Sutton on contracting through the ROTC. 10 students are currently contracted in the Northwest Company.

H1N1

Campus sets up isolation for swine flu victims

By Kylie Guier
Asst. News Editor

The increasing amount of H1N1 cases is causing the University to give students the option of making a temporary move to Douglas Hall.

Residential Life is working with students to provide a key and fob to the building as well as food service arrangements with Aramark.

Matt Beckendorf, assistant director of residential life, said some students have already taken advantage of the move and Aramark's food arrangements.

"Aramark is providing more flu friendly foods since you are only supposed to have clear liquids at first. The foods would change as the student got better," Beckendorf said.

Students who choose to move to Douglas Hall will stay until their fever has been gone for 24 hours without medication. The option is only available to students who live on campus.

Douglas Hall provides flu sufferers with a private room and community restroom. The building also has a TV, microwave, vending machine and refrigerator.

The move is optional and students can also go home to their family or remain in their room while their roommates decide whether they will stay at home or with someone else.

With the amount of cases of probable flu reaching nearly 175 at Northwest already, the University is doing what it can to avoid inadvertently exposing others.

"It is hard to enforce the recommended isolation piece so we have been working with academic policies in order to keep students from coming to class sick," Dr. Jerry Wilmes, northwest medical center director and emergency coordinator, said.

Students are urged to contact the Wellness Center as soon as possible if they are experiencing symptoms such as a sore throat, fever over 100 degrees and body aches.

"We put callers through a fairly extensive phone triage to see what symptoms they have and determine whether they need to come in," Wilmes said.

See **FLU** on **A5**

STUDENT SENATE

New representatives announced for student government positions

By Kylie Guier
Asst. News Editor

Student Senate announced their four new freshmen representatives Tuesday night.

Voting for freshmen on CatPaws ended Monday at midnight.

During the Senate's weekly meeting president Erin Holm announced that Allison Hay is the new freshmen class president.

Hay said she was involved in student council in high school in Oakland, Iowa and she really enjoyed it. She was excited to get involved in an organization at Northwest, which is much bigger than her high school.

Winning class president out of 14 nominees came as quite a shock to Hay.

"I was really surprised and excited at the same time," Hay said. "I campaigned really hard so I'm glad it all paid off."

Hay campaigned with her fellow nominee Zack Fleer by putting up posters in all the freshmen residence halls.

"We handed out a lot of slips of paper telling freshmen where to vote, when and how," Hay said.

The three freshmen representative winners are Zack Fleer, Jared Ludwig and Stefania Strohman.

Ludwig also campaigned

hard by posting fliers all over campus saying, "Vote for Jared Ludwig."

President Erin Holm said the extra campaigning helps a lot in these sort of elections.

"His posters were everywhere," Holm said. "Not a whole lot of freshman go and vote so I think it helps. I wish we had more freshmen vote."

All of the new members except Strohman, who was absent, were sworn in to Senate at the end of the meeting.

Holm believed it was important for freshmen to get involved right away since they are such a large part of campus.

"It's important for them to have that voice so they don't feel like underclassmen and separated from the rest of school," Holm said. "We want them to feel a part of the Northwest family."

All of the new members are official and now have the same responsibilities as every other member. Each freshmen must do two office hours weekly, serve on two committees and they can vote during meetings.

The new faces and ideas were what Holm felt was the most exciting part of this election.

"The new and fresh ideas are awesome," Holm said. "I'm hoping to see new perspective this year."

FAMILY WEEKEND

Parents return to Maryville to see Bearcat pride

By Mark Kauffman
Missourian Reporter

Students spent last Friday in preparation for parental invasion. Over the last weekend Northwest Missouri State University played host to parents and siblings during its annual family weekend.

The weekend serves as a prime opportunity for parents to visit the campus. This year Northwest offered students and family members a wide variety of entertainment and activities.

Activities started Friday night, the Student Activities Council provided hypnotist Kevin Hurley. The next morning kicked off with a 5K fun sponsored by Northwest Athletic Trainers. A campus scavenger hunt took place later in the morning. They even held a pancake breakfast under the Bell Tower.

Alumni, fraternities and Roberta Hall all held open houses. The B.D. Owens Library even offered a display on Family Weekend.

Off campus held plenty of recreation opportunities as well. Bearcat Lanes offered discount games in celebration of family weekend. Mozingo golf followed suit, offering 18 holes for the price

of nine.

Student opinion of family weekend seemed mostly positive. Ally Varner, a freshman, entertained her parents during the event.

"I had fun with it," Varner said. "They came in on Saturday. I showed them my dorm, introduced them to my friends, and then we went to the game."

Of course, the football game remained the main event of the family weekend. The Bearcats' victory over the Omaha Mavericks caused every Bearcat family to celebrate. One family celebrated the game more than the others, however.

During halftime the Victor family of Omaha, Neb., received the title of Northwest Family of the Year. Despite their ironic hometown, Bearcats fill the Victor family tree. Every year Northwest awards the title Family of the Year during family weekend. The title comes with a \$750 scholarship.

Northwest pulled out all the stops during this year's family weekend. Parents and families appreciated the massive effort.

"Mom and Dad were really pleased with everything," said Varner.



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LINDSAY DIGGS AND her son Grant Diggs cheer on the Bearcats at the Family Weekend game against University of Nebraska-Omaha.

"THE GOOD DOCTOR"

Play begins tonight, teaches students the art of acting, comedy

By Cassie Thomas
Missourian Reporter

Who knew a doctor could make people laugh?

The Good Doctor is a comedic play written by Neil Simon and published in 1973.

The show is set in Russia in the 19th century and focuses on a writer, who is the only connecting thread from scene to scene.

Nicki Kearney has been in plays throughout her life. She currently plays a frugal woman who is seen interacting with her maid.

"I've been doing theatre since I was nine," Kearney said. "When I was a kid, I

went to see The Nutcracker, and ever since then, I've loved theatre."

As to why she chose to audition for this particular play, Kearney did not have a specific answer, but she is glad that she did.

"It's really interesting because I have never gotten to be a pompous character like this before," Kearney said.

Brooke Abbott agreed this play is unlike any other she has been involved in before.

"I did theatre all through high school, but this is different," Abbott said. "It's more serious."

The transition is also

easier because everyone has a fair chance, no matter what experience or academic standing.

"One thing I like about theatre at Northwest in comparison to high school is that it's more about talent than seniority," Kearney said.

"They really take into consideration who fits what roles," Abbott said.

Both Kearney and Abbott agree that theatre is a great way to get involved and to meet new people.

"It's hard not to be yourself around the people in the theatre," Kearney said. "When I was younger, I used theatre as an escape. Now it is more about the people that I meet.

They become like a second family to me."

This show is a great way to experience a unique culture that Northwest offers, but students do not always utilize. This show is comedic and has a wide audience appeal.

"This show has a variety of scenes, something for everyone to find humorous," Abbott said.

The play will be performed by freshman and transfer students from the theatre department now through Sunday.

The show will begin at 7:30 each evening, tonight through Saturday. On Sunday, it will begin at 2 p.m.

BID DAY



photo by lori frankenfield | photography editor

TAU KAPPA EPSILON members Cam Hill, Jordan Stephens, and Mikey Hulan welcome new member Chris Nelsen at the fraternity bid day on Friday outside the J.W. Jones Student Union. The new members went through a week of rush events which involved Ultimate Frisbee, river football, wakeboarding and sand volleyball.

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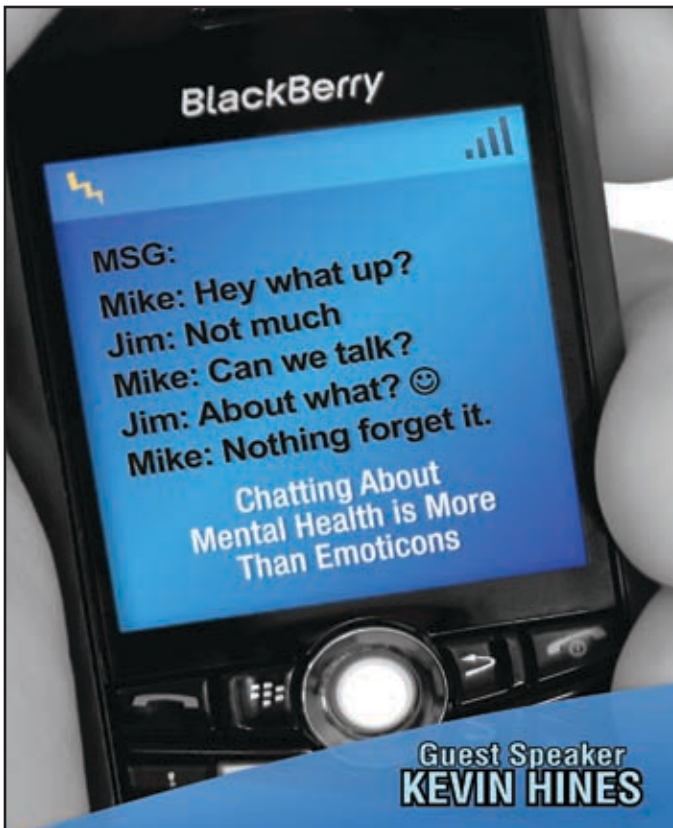
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OUR VIEW

Hazing risks aren't worth loss of one's dignity

National Hazing Prevention Week brings up a good question. Despite the tough stance on hazing (44 states have banned hazing, and institutions including Northwest certainly don't support it), why are so many people involved in campus organizations still being hazed? Surely the humiliation isn't enjoyable. Surely the dangerously high amounts of alcohol consumed can't be good on the body or a student's academics, the main reason for being involved in

higher education in the first place. And this doesn't just occur for sorority or fraternity members. The people who are hazed the most are varsity athletes, followed by those in Greek organizations, club sports, academic clubs and honor societies. Even more alarming than the organizations that contribute to hazing the most is that most students don't even think that their actions or behavior is considered hazing. Students oftentimes

view whatever behavior they are being subjected to as a team building exercise. The worst thing about this (after the obvious physical risks including death) is the reason why hazing still occurs. Everyone wants to belong to something. Everyone wants status and recognition for those areas a person excels at. Everyone wants to belong, to be a part of something. Most students sign on to organizations to be introduced to people,

to form a community in a place unfamiliar and away from home. So if a student is pressured into a drinking game, if they are asked to endure harsh elements or do anything embarrassing and humiliating, it is a small price to pay for this community. What students don't realize, though, is this price thought to be small isn't really quite the case. The health risks are enormous, and surely one's life

is worth far more than the risk it is subjected to. But there are other risks to consider as well—the damage to a person's reputation, the huge dent in a student's GPA and the feeling that a student can't stand up or say no. The loss of individual identity is a compelling enough argument against hazing. No matter the bans from states and institutions, the known risks and complications, whatever study is introduced, hazing will still occur. The only way for it to

not is for the individual student to stop placing such a high priority on being "cool" or accepted, for the student to realize that their identity is far more important and far more lasting than any organization, whether that be the chess team, the football team, the political organization or a Greek organization. Students, keep in mind that no one has the authority to take away your identity or your dignity unless you give the consent for them to do so.

WHAT THE DEUCE

Turkey's Sultan Kosen, the world's tallest man at 8ft 1in, is looking for love in London. Despite the physical drawbacks of being tall— the crutches, his tumor on the pituitary gland, the inability to fit into a normal car (let alone an average house) and clothes that have to be made specially for him— Kosen wants a wife. And perhaps the new celebrity status as a Guinness World Record holder will give him a boost in the shark-infested waters called the dating game. But look on the bright side, Kosen; there are plenty of dames out there waiting for a man to tower over a gal. And when it comes to household chores, height is definitely a plus.

COLUMN



MY VIEW

Friend remembers the life of Britnee Baldridge

By Jarod Clarke
Chief Videographer

Losing someone close is something I have not experienced until now. On that rainy Monday afternoon I lost one of my closest friends, as did so many others who knew and loved her. Britnee Baldridge can be described in so many ways, but what I remember most about her is that she loved life. Her child-like personality and care-free attitude were qualities that made people gravitate to her. She always wanted to have fun and knew how to put a smile on your face, no matter how your day was going. I met Britnee last year at the end of the spring trimester. On a Thursday night around 2 a.m., my roommate, some friends and I decided we should go on a "Station run" to get some late night snacks. Walking in the doors I saw this girl wearing a backwards ball cap, black wife-beater tank top and oversized basketball shorts which looked two sizes too big for her. My first reaction was, wow, I need to know who this girl is. My roommate already knew Britnee and introduced her to me immediately. We started talking like we had known each other for years, just killing time talking about all kinds of ran-

dom things. Randomness was a specialty of Britnee's. While talking, we found out that we had both participated in the Shirtless Bearcats, a group of diehard Bearcat fans who paint their chests during sporting events. She wanted to join again and gave me her cell phone number. I teased her, saying that was the fastest I had ever gotten a number from a girl. She always had a great sense of humor, shrugging off my comment with a smile and a laugh. Britnee's infectious smile and persuasive eyes made her someone you couldn't easily say no to. Last Thursday she used that persuasion, convincing me to go out dancing with her at Molly's Party Club, a place I didn't typically enjoy going to. It ended up being one of the most fun nights I have had while at school. A mutual friend and fellow Shirtless Bearcat was in town from Oklahoma that night and he convinced her to put off her art drawings and go out. She asked me what I was doing that night, and as she looked at me I knew I had no choice. That night we played pool and danced for hours before calling it a night and walking back to campus together, trying to do cartwheels on the way. Naturally we walked back to the Station, Britnee's hang-

The Missourian would like to hear your stories celebrating Britnee's life. Go to nwmissourinews.com and share in the comments section with this story.

MY VIEW

The "r" word will do more harm than good

By Greg Miller
News Editor

From bad to worse. Former President Jimmy Carter said in an interview last week that the intensity of the opposition to President Obama was because he was African American. This is just the latest distraction following a summer where a lot of propaganda was spewed and little facts were disclosed. Does racism exist? Yes. Are there jokes about Obama that use derogatory, shameful and inappropriate words? Yes. Are there extremists who are using misinformation and propaganda to paint the president as something he's not? Yes. But are there genuine questions and concerns about what the president does to our financial future, government involvement with health care and long-term implications in foreign policy? Yes. What Jimmy Carter failed to do in last week's interview was separate reasonable protest from insane propaganda from sore losers. Now, once again, the discussion has turned away from real analysis of the issues to whether the President is a victim of racism. Instead of using this cheap defense, why doesn't Carter, or any democrat, moderate republican or independent, defend Obama with honest facts and true specifics. Was it that long ago that we were celebrating the fact that African American man

could become president. President Obama won the election with 53 percent of the vote, meaning 47 percent of the country did not vote for him. I doubt most of the 47 percent voted against him because he was black. They may have been against his spending beliefs, foreign policy views and view of health care. Instead of pointlessly throwing around the "r" word to introduce yourself in the political cycle, let's do what's best for the country: put aside partisan nonsense and focus on the issues. Members of Congress need to read bills in front of them, instead of toting them around to town halls and trash talking their opponents. To the republicans and democrats – get over yourselves and pass something that will benefit this country. Do what the rest of us have to do: compromise. We need you to do fix this system. Quit playing the blame game and work to make the country better. Many of us can't afford your political games much longer. Using racism against opposition is dangerous, pointless and unfair. While some tactics used against the President and healthcare reform, but there are legitimate questions. If we can't live in a society that hears both sides in order to have an honest conversation, what does that say about the kind of society we live in, or the character and strength of our political representatives?

CAMPUSTALK

What is the most frustrating part in finding that special someone?



"Finding time to be committed."
"Finding someone interested in the same things."
"You find someone and not sure if they feel the same way about you."
"It's hard to determine if that person is the right one."
"The most frustrating thing is not knowing if a person likes you back."

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OBITUARY

Lela Marie Hoyt
1961-2009

Lela Marie Hoyt, 48, of Hoyt, Kan., formerly of Maryville, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009.

Born on Aug. 3, 1961 in Topeka, Kan., she was the daughter of Mary Marie (Davis) Brenner.

She worked as a cook for many years and worked in home health care.

She is survived by her husband, Perry Hoyt, sons, Dustin Sticken, Maryville, Joseph Brenner, Maryville, Logan Allen, Ravewood, a granddaughter, Cameron Sticken, Maryville, Aunt Pat Hill, Topeka, Kan., cousins, Vernon and Robert Hill.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. with a service beginning at 7 p.m. at the Danfelt Funeral Home, 951 S. Main St., Maryville, Mo., 64468 with cremation to follow.

Memorial Donations c/o Danfelt Funeral Home.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 15

Alexandria N. Blonde, 17, Maryville, dog at large, vicious animal, 300 block of S. Fillmore

Sept. 16

Rena K. Thompson, 22, Maryville, vicious animal, 300 block of W. Seventh

Failure to obey at school stop, ongoing investigation, 400 block of N. Mulberry

Sept. 18

Scotty A. Emery, 17, Maryville, assault, 1500 block S. Munn

Forgery, ongoing investigation, 100 block of S. Vine

Sept. 19

Katlin A. Duff, 24, Kansas City, Mo., driving while intoxicated, failure to illuminate headlights after dark, 600 block of S. Main

Sept. 21

Larceny, ongoing investigation, 200 block of S. Vine

BRITNEE: Friends reflect, ‘she lived her life to the fullest’

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“She had something about her that made anyone happy.”

At such a young age, the grieving process is hard for most college students to imagine, let alone begin to endure. Counselors on cam-

pus can have a vital role to play in situations like these.

“People can be at different stages of grief early on,” said Mike Mattick, counselor at the University Wellness Center. “We listen to see where people are at.”

Mattick also said grieving is normal, but talking to

others can play a vital role, and everyone has a different pace in this process.

“People can go at different paces. It’s not an equal progression,” he said.

It’s a grief her friends said will not pass any time soon.

But just as the clouds

and rain slowly faded away early this week, the grief will too, but Britnee’s life and motivation will still remain with her friends.

“She may have been young, but she lived life to the fullest, she always put everyone else first,” Trae said.

FLU: Students encouraged to take preventative measures

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Ashley Nisley was diagnosed with H1N1 after having her test results sent back from the state. After calling the Wellness Center and describing her symptoms she was asked to come in as soon as possible.

“Before I could enter the health center I was asked to put on one of those medical masks and they took me to a separate room to fill out paperwork,” Nisley said.

She was told to isolate herself and take three ibuprofen every six hours for the next few days. Nisley was finally able to leave her

apartment four days later.

While H1N1 is more dangerous than the seasonal flu and tends to target younger people, Wilmes said all of the flu cases at Northwest have been relatively mild.

“Most students are experiencing no more severe symptoms than the season-

al flu,” Wilmes said.

Wilmes said the most important thing was for students to protect themselves from getting ill by frequently washing their hands, using proper cough etiquette, staying home and contacting the Wellness Center within 48 hours of symptoms.

CADETS: Cadre member aids companies rebuilding efforts

Continued from A1

report to battalion headquarters at Missouri Western State University.

The drop in numbers was not felt just on campus. In fact, the battalion as a whole has had to combat the on-going fight with fewer cadets.

That is why, in the past three years especially, there has been a campaign to bolster the ranks in the area. Led by Lt. Col. Marcus Majure, the ROTC is trying to infuse a sense of enthusiasm and excitement about the possibilities of the program.

At Northwest, it started with hiring Lt. Rick Frese as a cadre, which is the ROTC

teacher or official on campus.

Frese brings a new feel to the program, having served only one month, and hopes that an ROTC official on campus can help unify and strengthen the company here.

“The biggest things that’s been lacking, well since it’s been brought back up, is more of a presence here,” Frese said. “I think that just getting the word out about the ROTC program, and me being here on a full-time basis has already helped. Plus, with a cadre member we have somebody here for that support. You may get some students started, but if they don’t feel they are taken

care of then they won’t stay with the program.”

Whether it is through a booth at an event or word of mouth from his cadets, Frese also realizes that advertising and promotion is key to the program’s success.

Cadet Capt. Adam Wright can already see progress from the company and battalion.

“It is definitely growing. We are still pretty small, but we are steadily increasing our numbers,” Wright said. “When Lt. Col. Majure came in there was only a handful of cadets, and now there are many handfuls of cadets, and so it’s definitely improving.”

Frese will be a big part

of their efforts to rebuild and become the best cadets possible, according to Cadet Lucas Johnson.

“He supports us really well. He has taken some good steps to being a cadre. As long as we have a cadre here you can tell performance will boost up cause you’ve got someone watching you, critiquing your flaws, any member of higher authority is definitely going to help,” Johnson said.

They’re exhausted and starting to lag behind. A stern shout comes from across the room.

“Pick it up,” Frese says.

They all listen and they are back at it, grinding away. That’s just what he’s here for.

HAZING: Bringing awareness

Continued from A1

but it should branch beyond Greek life. This week all organizations need to be talking about hazing,” Mittan said.

Aside from Greek Life, sports organizations are also ones that have been wrongly accused of hazing by the media.

Freshman defensive tackle Daniel Carlson says he hasn’t experienced any acts of hazing.

“Its been pretty much the opposite, everybody’s been very welcoming. I expected to be hazed because that’s all

people talked about but nothing like that has happened,” Carlson said.

Hazing does not seem to be much of a problem here on the gridiron.

“It doesn’t happen here so no one really talks about. I don’t think the word hazing has even come up in a football meeting,” said Carlson.

National Hazing Prevention Week’s job is to bring awareness to all organizations on campus so that if hazing is ever an issue they know how to avoid it and deal with it.

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JAVA JOINT | FEATURED ARTISTS



drawings On the wall

Walking into The Java Joint, the first sense that is served is smell from the enticing aromas of coffee and tea. As one sits down and they have a chance to look around, the sense of sight is served by the artwork around them.

The Java Joint has become a platform for all sorts of art. Paintings, ceramics and photographs adorn the walls and add the artistic character associated with the shop. Even the walls are painted to show a city skyline.

"A coffee shop and art go together," The Java Joint owner Stephanie Sledge said. "I think it's good for a coffee shop to promote artwork."

Sledge allows students and Maryville citizens alike to sell work in her shop. She takes a commission when they sell, instead of charging them for rent space.

One of these artists is Mike Martin. Even before Martin was enrolled as an art student, he claims he was always doing something with his hands. As a kid, he said rather than play with toys, he would make things out of scraps of wood.

"My parents knew I was real creative at a young age," Martin said as he reflects. "Then I took some art classes in high school and really, really enjoyed those."

Martin's life would then take a different direction from art to math. He said he stopped being interested in art because he didn't think he would make any money as an artist.

"I figured I could become a math teacher," Martin said. "I still love math but my heart just wasn't into it. So I took a couple of art

class- es ... and it just kind of took off from there."

Martin likes to paint landscapes and city scapes and he sells some of these pieces at The Java Joint. He points to German painter and sculptor Anselm Kiefer as a big influence in his work.

Martin's art doesn't end at painting either. He also dabbles in photography and performs music at the Java Joint. He hopes to transfer his passion for art into a job he can make a living at.

"I wouldn't mind being a painter and living off of it professionally," Martin said. "I want to teach college definitely. I really like the collegiate environment."

Another one of these artists selling work at The Java Joint is Kaden Myers. This student specializes in ceramics and has sold a few items at the coffee shop already.

"Pretty much from the first time I touched clay I was just in love with it," Myers said with a smile.

Myers got into selling his ceramics at The Java Joint from seeing a flyer. He had already been selling his stuff at other places and saw an opportunity at the new coffee shop.

When it comes to his art, Myers doesn't like to place a label on it. He says that he works "non-objectively" and that his ceramic pieces are fluid, organic and have a look like they are from nature.

"I like to create pieces in the moment," Myers said, reflecting on his work. "I think about what I'm doing but it's very gestural."

The Java Joint is still a young business, but the excitement of the artists is enough to keep the place alive and abuzz with art and creativity. Myers confirms this by his excitement about his work. He says there's nothing like seeing someone buy a piece of his art and the happiness it gives them.

"Eventually I'd like to do this for a living," Myers said. "I want to enrich other people's lives with artwork. If I can put myself in this object and give it to someone and it somehow brings energy and good vibes into their lives, that's great."

Kaden Myers displays some of his ceramic creations at The Java Joint. Myers has sold a few of his pieces at the shop as well as other places such as art festivals.



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KADEN MYERS DISPLAYS some of his ceramic creations at The Java Joint. Myers has sold a few of his pieces at the shop as well as other places such as art festivals.

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MIKE MARTIN WORKS on his latest project in his studio. Martin displays some of his artwork at The Java Joint as well as play music there.

COLUMN

What’s the rush? It’s better to finish high schools sports

With all of the temptation of the professional sports world, I find myself reading about another kid trying to skip out the last parts of their childhood by leaving high school early to try and make it big, all I can ask is what’s the rush?

Professional sports aren’t going anywhere. Sure the economy is down, but people will still pay to go see a game or buy their favorite team’s merchandise. The market will still be there and these kids leaving high school will have the same opportunity three or four years later.

Jeremy Tyler elected to skip his senior year of high school to play professionally in Europe. Instead of graduating and playing Division I college basketball somewhere before the 2011 NBA draft, he chose to toil in a foreign country without a high school education and try and get used to life as a professional,

riding rickety buses across an unknown country.

He would have faced the same, if not better, competition by staying in the states and playing in the ACC, Big 12 or Big East without the stresses being overseas would cause.

Again I say it, what’s the rush?

It’s happening in all sports, not just basketball. In Nascar, Joey Lagano turned professional at the tender age of 18. He should be preparing for college life, but instead he’s trying to make it big behind the wheel of a car.

Even baseball, America’s proclaimed pastime, is seeing an infusion of youth before they’re scheduled to be there. In the Dominican Republic players



Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

get drafted at age 16, sometimes even younger. Really? I can’t picture myself trying to play professional baseball at that age. All I cared about then was trying to drive by myself for the first time without wrecking.

Another story that came out this year, high school sophomore Bryce Harper, deemed the next prodigy; the best high school player since Ken Griffey Jr., left high school early after getting his G.E.D. and enrolled in a junior college. All he’ll manage to do is get his name in the draft a year earlier. He won’t even get to play a season for the college, so is that any step up from playing high school ball then playing for a traveling team in the summer?

It’s doubtful that he’ll gain

anything by speeding up his progression to the pros, so once again I pose the same question, what’s the rush?

Sure, I wasn’t a prodigy by any means in high school, but I can’t imagine skipping out on some of the best years of my life (to this point).

These athletes need to wait, they’re not gaining anything by skipping out on their childhood, if anything they’re missing out. No prom, no graduation. Some of my best high school memories happened at those events and I feel sorry for these guys because they can’t experience those things.

They’re missing out on some of the best years of their lives by trying to get even a single year ahead.

There’s no rush, slow down and live through your high school years. Once it’s gone, you’re not getting it back.

What’s the rush?

AROUND THE CAMPUS

What will it take for the Chiefs to win a football game?



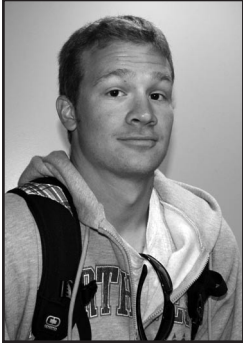
“All we need is a quarterback that’s adequate and some decent o-linemen and we’ll be good.”

Rod Williams
Economics major



“They need a better offense to score more, a better defense, they need more leadership and for their coach to step it up and then maybe they can get some wins.”

Jessica Nichols
Broadcasting



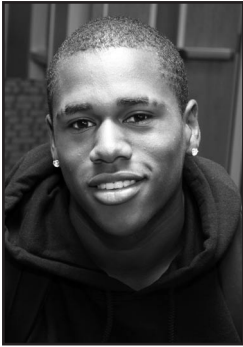
“Consistent quarterbacking.”

Andy Hazelrigg
IDM-New Media major



“Any better o-line.”

Brandon Bush
Music Education major



“I think the Chiefs need a better secondary. Their pass defense isn’t good enough to stop offenses. Neither is their run defense.”

Joel Williams
Advertising

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Brian “The Bulldog’s” picks Prediction record (5-4)
NCAA Lock
California at Oregon — Cal Oregon lost their top runner for the season and Cal has one of the BEST running back’s in the country. Jahvid Best put up five TD’s last week and will be the first RB to win the Heisman since Reggie Bush.

NCAA Upset
Wash. at Stanford — Huskies Huskies are riding high after the win over USC. After pulling off the biggest upset of the year Washington has the momentum to pull out a few more wins.

NFL Lock
NYG at Tampa Bay — Giants Most people thought the Giants would fall to the Cowboys, but after sneaking by that game it’s smoothe sailing until McNabb is back.

NFL Upset
Tennessee at NYJ – Titans After getting upset by the Texans the Titans are going to be playing tough. Sanchez’s luck is bound to run out sooner or later. The kid is good, but not that good.

Jason’s Picks Prediction record (2-7)
NCAA Lock
Ole Miss at S. Carolina — Miss Jevan Snead is a dark-horse candidate for the Heisman and should bolster has candidacy against South Carolina.

NCAA Upset
Mich. St. at Wisconsin — Mich. So, there wasn’t really a lot left and this was the closest line. Maybe I’ll get lucky since I have no other reason for this pick.

NFL Lock
Chicago at Seattle — Da Bears Chicago is coming off a huge win over Pittsburgh and Jay Cutler finally got it together and controlled the tempo. The Seahawks will be without Matt Hasselback, who has fractured ribs. This is an easy pick and I need to gain some ground quickly.

NFL Upset
Atlanta at New England — ATL Matt Ryan isn’t having the usual sophomore slump and is looking good. The Patriots just got beat by the Jets (which really messed up my last week), so I have no faith in Tom Brady and Co.

Dustin’s Picks Prediction record (7-2)
NCAA Lock
TCU at Clemson — Clemson Clemson did it for me last week and they’re even at home this weekend. Even though TCU is ranked No. 15 I see them being the next BYU being knocked off the BCS chase.

NCAA Upset
UNLV at Wyoming — Wyoming Wyoming had it tough having to playing two Big 12 teams in a row they get a break this week playing UNLV.

NFL Lock
Green Bay at St. Louis — GB I don’t see St. Louis winning a game this season, at least to a good team. Thankfully the Rams don’t play the Chiefs this regular season because that would be quite possibly the worst football game every played.

NFL Upset
Jacksonville at Houston — Jags Even though I’m cheering for Andre Johnson to tear it up again to atleast give me a chance of winning in Fantasy this week, I don’t think the Texans can stop Maurice Jones-Drew. I see the Jags picking up they’re first win this weekend.

Seth’s Picks Prediction record (2-1)
NCAA Lock
Notre Dame at Purdue — Irish Jimmy Clausen’s injury last week doesn’t appear to be serious. He’s been dominant this year throwing for nine touchdowns and no interceptions. It doesn’t look like he slows down here.

NCAA Upset
Iowa at Penn State — Iowa Iowa upset Penn State in last year’s match-up and return poised to do the same. Penn State is not the team its was last year, with the loss of some talented-players to the NFL. Iowa serves Penn State it’s first Big 10 loss.

NFL Lock
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati — Pitt The Steelers were upset last week because of some miscues by the offense. Pittsburgh just doesn’t lose twice in a row though. Pittsburgh pulls out a win in this rivalry game.

NFL Upset
New Orleans at Buffalo — Bills The Bills rushing attack will over power Drew Brees’ hot hand in this match-up.

Top 2 picks

By Johnalyn Vasquez
Missourian Reporter

Coming to Theaters: In a perfect world where crime hasn’t existed for years, and safety and happiness reigns supreme, people live vicariously through their more attractive robot versions of themselves from the safety of their homes. All of that changes when a murder threatens their paradise and FBI agent Greer (Bruce Willis) is forced to forego his own surrogate risking his life in order to solve the crime. This sci-fi thriller is certain to keep you on the edge of your seat and wanting more. This flick is a must watch for sure.

New Album to listen to: Dizzee Rascal’s album “Tongue N’ Cheek” is nothing short of interesting to say the least. Released on Monday the album is a mix of electronic, garage, and rap with danceable beats. There are also lyrics that keep you guessing. The native Brit has been called a prodigy in the U.K. and has number one hits to back it up. Although some of the lyrics are explicit, the album in general is definitely worth a try.



STROLLER

Your Man gets fat off Food Network

One of the most interesting things about the invention of television is how it always seems to land on the most random channels, and get stuck there for hours. This week I flipped on the tube just for some white noise while I studied for a bit and did other things. Some how, I ended up watching the Food Network for six hours.

I do not understand the Food Network. What is the point of a TV channel where you watch people cook, but you can’t eat any of the deliciousness they are making? It’s not all bad though; there is actually some good stuff on that channel. That Bobby Flay dude makes some awesome looking stuff. I also know how to make some really awesome Italian food thanks to Giada.

And Paula Dean successfully clogged my arteries through the TV, I didn’t even know that was possible.

If someone would invent a device that would make the food that they make automatically while you watch, there wouldn’t be any other channels on TV. People wouldn’t leave their homes. I would definitely be one of those people on TLC who are so huge they can’t leave their house. I’d get diabetes, my foot would fall off and then I’d let Bobby Flay cook it for me. When I’d finally die at the ripe old age of 27, they would have to use a crane to lift me out of my house, like on “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape”.

Fortunately that device does not exist, but the Food Network is still sneaky. Have

you ever noticed how insanely hungry you are after watching even a half hour of that stuff? I swear, after watching about 2 hours of “Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives” with Guy Feiri I was on an eating spree. The next morning I think I woke at 6 a.m. and loaded up on some bacon and eggs, pancakes and hash browns. Then I went to Sonic for breakfast and destroyed a burrito.

For lunch I visited the Palms for a pork tenderloin the size of my head. The weird thing was, I was still really hungry. So I did what anyone else in Maryville would do; go get a basket of sliders from Murphy’s.

Dinner was a 3-course meal consisting of a steak rubbed down with garlic salt and chipotle peppers, mashed



The Stroller

potatoes and fresh green beans. I even capped of this eating fest with a Butterfinger Blizzard from DQ.

I think total I rocked more calories in one day than Michael Phelps eats in a week, and trust me that dude can eat, even without the munchies. Let’s not even start on the giant hole this food fiesta put

in my bank account. The next day I didn’t even wake up, I was in a food coma. This all went down three days ago and I am pretty sure I haven’t eaten since. I blame it all on the Food Network.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

REVIEW

New Caspian album leaves reviewer breathless

By Philip Gruenwald
Missourian Reporter

For those unfamiliar with the post-rock instrumental subgenre, imagine a touching scene in your favorite movie and the accompanying emotion you feel. Now imagine that feeling coming through your speakers in a rush of audio euphoria. Enter Caspian.

Caspian’s latest, “Tertia,” showcases the band’s estab-

lished maturity with a heavier, more serious sound than we have previously heard from them. It is still unmistakably Caspian, with their dynamic signature sound that offers progressive, ambient, and thrash in an instrumental cornucopia bursting forth with power, detail and taste. “Tertia” simply hits harder than their previous release, “The Four Trees.”

Each track brings its own flavor to the table, ranging

from heavy and dramatic to honest if not vulnerable. Headbangers will be satisfied by the sheer power of “Tertia,” while music aficionados will delight in its subtleties.

All tracks share a commonality of being simply beautiful and moving; a key ingredient to quality instrumental. Yet it is all done in an accessible way, introducing each new theme plainly and explicitly as catchy without being repetitive or mun-

dane.

Highlights include the almighty “La Cerva,” a driving force of velocity that sets the tone for the rest of the record. It builds steadily from the start, spawns separate movements throughout and ends with a crushing intensity that just might put you on the edge of your seat.

On the other end of the ferocity spectrum is “Epochs In Dmoj,” which passively and intricately spins out a delicate harmony sans-percussion, only to lead you headfirst into “Of Foam And

Wave.” This track interrupts the flow of “Tertia” by reverting to a musical style already exhausted by the band’s previous album. It is stylistically nostalgic, flying in the face of the album’s progression.

Upon finishing the album, one is left with an unsure feeling of incomplete satiety. The mind marvels at the concise taming of raw musical energy, while the mouth waters for more.

So come, be swept away with that familiar swell of feeling. You will be left breathless.

COLUMN

Touchdown reminds us why we love sports

By Brian Bosiljevac
Sports Editor

Touchdown.
In the sporting world we often only hear about the terrible things athletes do. We hear about A-Rod using steroids, Mike Vick dog fighting and college athletes violating NCAA rules. Well finally there is word going around about something good that happened in the sporting realm and it took place right here in Maryville.
On Sept. 14, the Spoofhound freshmen football team took on Benton High School. As the game began drawing to an end the 'Hounds led the game 46-0.

It was then Benton coach Dan McCamy approached Maryville defensive coordinator David McEnany. McCamy wanted to know if the 'Hounds would let one of their players score a touchdown. The athlete was the son of Benton athletic director Mike Ziesel.
Matt is a 15 year-old freshman at Benton High School with Down syndrome.
The 'Hounds' coaches and players were more than happy to give Matt the opportunity to run behind his Benton blockers more than 60 yards untouched for his first career touchdown.
Maryville won the game 46-6, but McCamy said in an

interview with the Kansas City Star everyone went home a winner that night
McCamy posted a clip of Matt's touchdown run on YouTube after the game and as of Tuesday the clip has been viewed over 325,000 times.
Good Morning America picked up the story along with many other news organizations.
There are even rumors floating around ESPN will be coming to St. Joseph, Mo. to feature the story.
As a sports writer and sports fan I couldn't be happier this story is getting picked up all over the country.
These are the kind of sto-

ries we need to see more of. If you visit ESPN's website, the company coined as the worldwide leader in sports, unfortunately you'll see stories opposite of this one.
The main headlines are about Plaxico Burress starting his jail sentence after shooting himself in the leg and a Washington Redskin's running back giving up on Twitter after making fun of fans.
Matt's story is a refreshing memory to what sports are really about. A kid who against all odds joined a football team and with the help of friends, coaches and even an opponent scored a touchdown we'll never forget.

SOFTBALL

Pitcher throws perfect game, 'Hounds grab win

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds sophomore starting pitcher, Holly Wilmarth, has officially arrived.
Wilmarth threw a no-hitter against Jefferson High School on Monday night. She just missed a perfect game, allowing a walk.
"She had a rough outing the week before at Smithville," head coach Jackie Conn said. "It was really good to see her bounce back and have a good solid game. To see her have such a strong game on Monday really showed her maturity level and her ability to move forward and learn from her mistakes."
Maryville beat Jefferson 2-0, behind Wilmarth's nine strikeouts. Jayde Cherkas went two for three with a run scoring triple to

lead the 'Hounds' offense.
On Tuesday night, the Spoofhounds picked up their 11th victory of the season by taking down St. Joseph LeBlond 9-2.
Wilmarth followed up her gem with an 11-strikeout performance. She allowed five hits, but the Maryville offense was clicking and gave her plenty of support.
"It was good to see that bats come around again," Conn said. "We've been having to play a lot of small ball and take whatever runs we could get. It was good to see the big hits and the run production coming alive again."
Junior Molly Stiens led the 'Hounds by going four for four with a home run, a double and three RBI's.
The 'Hounds travel to St. Joseph tonight to take on Benton at 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Spoofhounds head into Cameron undefeated in conference play

By Christopher Woodland
Contributing Reporter

Maryville puts its undefeated conference record on the line against Cameron tomorrow in the first of two huge conference match-ups.
The Spoofhounds (3-1 overall, 3-0 MEC) prepare to battle the Cameron Dragons (4-0, 1-0) tomorrow after surviving a scare against Smithville last week.
Maryville running back Gavin Talmadge rushed for two touchdowns, ran a kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown and converted a two-point conversion with less than a minute remaining to cap the 'Hounds fourth-quarter comeback and defeat Smithville 22-21.

Maryville trailed the entire game, but Talmadge's 50-yard touchdown run just before halftime and 94-yard kick return at the end of the third quarter kept Maryville in the game after falling behind 14-0 and 21-7, respectively.
Only one conference team has scored more, or allowed fewer points through the first four weeks of the 2009 season than Cameron, Chillicothe.
The 'Hounds receive some extra help this week that was absent in last week's nail-biter though.
"Hopefully on the inside, at the linebacker position we'll have some more size, some more aggressive body's in there," Maryville head coach Chris Holt said. "That's going

to be a lot of help because Cameron's going to run it first, run it second, run it third and pass when they need to."
Linebackers Evan Johnson and Brandon Brownfield return to bolster the defense, while Anthony Groumoutis returns to his fullback position after sitting out last week with a knee injury.
"We do expect them to play it's just how long will they play," Holt said. "They're not 100 percent but they want to play."
Johnson admits his is not 100 percent yet, but doesn't want to sit out any longer, and hopes spending three weeks on the sideline won't affect his play.
"I just want to do every-

thing right and not make any stupid mistakes from missing practice for two weeks, and go out and have some fun," Johnson said. "It's been painful, just watching from the sidelines these past couple games and in practice. It feels like something is missing."
Maryville has won the last two game against the Dragons. The 'Hounds won last year's game 40-14 in Cameron, while slipping away with a three-point victory the year before.
A win this week would improve the 'Hounds' conference mark to 4-0 and possibly make the Maryville-Chillicothe game next Friday the deciding factor in the MEC Championship race.
"I think a win here would

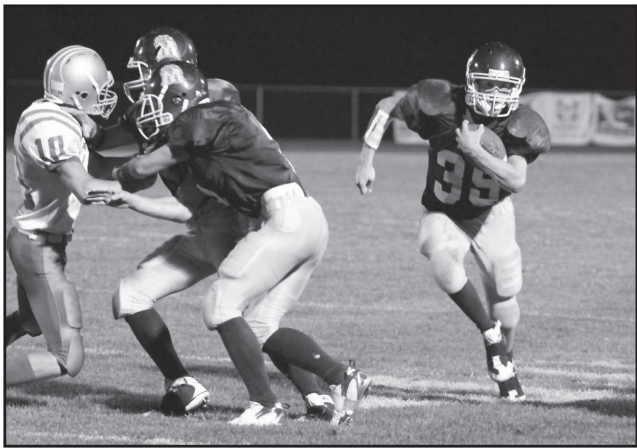


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JUNIOR RUNNING BACK Gavin Talmadge follows his blocks for a first down. Talmadge ran the ball 12 times for 87 yards and two touchdowns, including the game winning touchdown and subsequent two-point conversion.
be really big," Johnson said. "It would really boost our confidence going into Chillicothe. It's always a big game, and being undefeated in conference just makes it that much bigger."
Maryville and Cameron kick-off tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the 'Hound Pound.

NORTHWEST

ATHLETES
OF THE WEEK

Sean
Paddock



Senior defensive end Sean Paddock tied the program record for career sacks in last Saturday's home opener against UNO. Paddock recorded his 24th sack tying Ryan Waters who set the record in 2006. Paddock is also averaging 1.12 sacks a game; the program record for a season is 0.81.

Andrea
Tritz



Senior forward Andrea Tritz scored both goals in Saturday's 2-1 win over Southwest Baptist University. The goals were Tritz's third and fourth this year and her 11th and 12th of her career, putting her in a tie for fourth all-time. She also netted her sixth career game-winning goal.

Gavin
Talmage



Junior running back Gavin Talmadge led the Spoofhounds offense Friday night against Smithville in their 22-21 victory. He rushed for 87 yards on 12 carries with two touchdowns and the game-winning two-point conversion. Talmadge also returned a kick 94-yards for a score.

Holly
Wilmarth



Sophomore starting pitcher Holly Wilmarth threw a no-hitter Monday night against Jefferson and barely missed out on a perfect game in a 2-0 win. She struck out nine in the contest. Wilmarth followed it up by striking out 11 in a 9-2 victory over LeBlond on Tuesday.

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Senior enters record books with 6th game-winning goal

By Tony Botts
Missourian Reporter

Senior forward Andrea Tritz made Bearcat history after her second goal of the game, Saturday against the Southwest Baptist Bearcats. Her goal in the second half gave her six game winning goals; a feat that no other Bearcat has ever accomplished.

Tritz began the ‘Cats scoring early in the first half when she received a pass from senior teammate Sara Meidlinger and was able to tip the ball over the defending goalkeeper’s reach, and swiftly finished with a right foot.

“It was a good finish because I kicked it with my right foot, and I am left footed,” Tritz said. “The pass was perfect and it felt really good to score that first goal.”

Tritz wrote her name in the record book when she netted her second goal of the day during the 77th minute of the game, beating the Southwest Baptist goalkeeper, and broke the 1-1 tie. Tritz is the one scoring the goals, but she feels credit is deserved elsewhere, also.

“It’s a good feeling of course,” Tritz said. “I just don’t want to

take all the credit for winning. Someone has to score and I just happen to be the one doing it.”

Head coach Tracy Hoza was pleased with the way the ‘Cats played against an unbeaten Southwest Baptist squad.

“We played very well; we attacked very well,” Hoza said. “We had a lot of opportunities with Andrea and Sara combining well up front.”

During the 90 minutes Hoza did say however, that finishing was an issue on the day. Northwest scored two goals out of the eleven attempted shots and had three corner kick opportunities during the match.

“We had very close shots that we should have put away a little bit more on Saturday,” Hoza said. “We need to take care of finishing a little bit more to put games away.”

The ‘Cats were out shot by Southwest Baptist 12 to 11, but with Tritz’s pair of goals and along with senior Kira Lazenby’s eight saves, they were able to improve their record to 3-1 in MIAA competition, and 7-1 overall. Tritz’s goals were here third and fourth goals of the season, moving her into the team lead.

The one team the ‘Cats have not struggled against when it comes to putting games away has been Missouri Western. The ‘Cats are unbeaten in their last nine meetings with the Griffins, posting a 7-0-2 mark. However, Hoza seeks no comfort in the fact that the ‘Cats have compiled such a record.

“We have a game on Thursday,” Hoza said. “We can’t worry about the games in the past. That’s the number one thing. Number two; they are a good team. Number three; we’re on the road to them. We have to come in and be ready to play and ready to play on their field.”

The ‘Cats will be facing more than just an improved Griffons team; they will be facing a differ-



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JUNIOR MIDFIELDER Andrea Freeman chases down the ball in the ‘Cats 2-1 win over Southwest Baptist. The ‘Cats face Missouri Western tonight and have swept the Griffons in their last nine meetings.

ent playing surface. To prepare for the change in surfaces, Hoza has been scheduling practices and work to be done on the field at Bearcat Stadium. A majority of the practices have also been scheduled in the evenings to

GOLF

Golfers ready for Fall Classic at Mozingo

By Brian Bosiljevac
Sports Editor

The women’s golf team prepares for the annual Bearcat Fall Classic at Mozingo Lake Golf Course on Thursday and Friday.

The Bearcat’s will head into the Fall Classic after bringing home a second place finish from Graceland’s Yellowjacket Invitational.

The ‘Cats put together an impressive performance only falling to the invite champion, Park University, by 16 strokes.

“We were very pleased with our results,” head coach Pat McLaughlin said. “One of our top performers had a national test so she was unable to attend the tournament. It gave an opportunity to some other girls who normally don’t get to play in tournaments and we still finished well.”

Northwest was led by one of its juniors who helped set the foundation for the program. Jessica Feuerbach

posted a score of 84 after 18-holes. The score was good enough to land Feuerbach at fourth best for the tournament.

“Jessie has the capability of being a very good golfer,” McLaughlin said. “If she continues to believe in herself she really could do good things. She just needs to be a little more consistent. She puts together good nine-hole scores. She needs to try to put two good nines together. But she’s just a junior and she will get better at course management. She has certainly been great stability on this team the last three years.”

There were four other ‘Cats golfers who finished in the top-10 for the tournament. Sara Stratton came in seventh with an 87. Erin Luchtel and Tess Edwards tied each other for eighth place with a score of 88.

Edwards shot a 40 through nine holes, a personal best for the freshman. Feuerbach tied the school record with a 39 through the

front nine.

The ‘Cats will play host Thursday and Friday at the Bearcat Fall Classic and hope the home course advantage will play to their benefit. They hope to improve upon their fifth place finish at last year’s tournament at Mozingo.

Northwest will welcome six teams to this year’s Fall Classic. Nebraska-Omaha and Missouri Western will be the other two teams representing the MIAA. Out of conference teams Peru State, Graceland, Iowa Western Community College and Avila will be joining the ‘Cats, too.

“It’s really nice when you can sleep in your own bed,” McLaughlin said. “We won’t be travel weary and it’s just nice when you can play on the same course you practice on. We hope to be pretty comfortable on the course this weekend. There is also a good field of teams coming. It should be a pretty competitive tournament and we’re pretty excited.”

‘CATS: Both coaches part of Coach to Cure

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head coach in Aaron Vlcko, who had been the Bulldogs offensive coordinator the past three seasons.

“They’re a very similar team to what they’ve been,” Tjeerdsma said. “I think they’re real competitive, I think he can get them to play hard; they always have. We expect them to come in and really give us a battle ... Offensive, right now, they’re a little more productive than they were last year and defensively they’re struggling and they’ve given up some points; it’s all a matter of how well they put it together on Saturday.”

Last time the two teams met Northwest shut out the Bulldogs 49-0; the ‘Cats had 568 yards of offense compared to Truman’s 143. The Old Hickory Stick game has become the definition of a blow out the last four years. Northwest has out-scored Truman 150-16 in the last four meetings.

“It’s always good to have those games and want to have those games but you’ve got to be

ready,” junior quarterback Blake Bolles said. “Like coach T said it’s a big rivalry game with the Old Hickory Stick; they’re going to come in here ready to play so we have to be also.”

This Saturday both coaches will be wearing armbands to promote Coach To Cure. Coach To Cure is a partnership between the American Football Coaches Association and Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy. All of the AFCA coaches agreed to wear armbands this Saturday promoting Coach To Cure MD.

“This is a project that we want to support as coaches,” Tjeerdsma said. “It affects young people and they’re life expectancy is in the mid 20’s. It’s something that we feel like, because we work with young people, we can help out.”

This will be the second season coaches are taking part and over 2,500 coaches wearing armbands Saturday.

Kick-off for the Old Hickory Stick game is set for 1 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium.

CROSS COUNTRY

RESULTS FROM
WOODY GREENO/
NEBRASKA INVITATIONAL

Men finished 7th out of 26

- 19. Zach Layton- 25:56.50
- 36. Terol Pursell- 26:16.10
- 48. Trevor Johannsen- 26:40.55
- 56. Clay Martin- 26:53.05
- 94. Jared Walker- 27:32.70
- 108. Ryan Darling- 27:55.40
- 113. Jacob Henry- 28:02.60

Women finished 10th out of 27

- 50. Kayli Hrdlicka- 23:00.48
- 56. Mary Jantz- 23:06.78
- 64. Jane Bowness- 23:17.63
- 67. Angela Adams- 23:19.38
- 71. Jennifer Dittburner- 23:25.58
- 85. Brittany Poole- 23:40.88
- 93. Madison Marshman- 23:51.13

SCORE BY QUARTER

(5-1) 0 7 3 0 — 10



(5-1) 7 14 0 14 — 35

TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Nebraska-Omaha
408	Total yards 399
72	Total plays 59
138	Rushing yards 67
30	Rushing attempts 38
0-0	Fumbles-lost 2-1
270	Passing yards 332
29	Passing attempts 34
3-22	Sacks-yards 1-6
21-29-0	Comp-Att-Int. 20-34-1
10-327	Punts-yards 8-282
6.9	Off. yards per play 5.5
13	First Downs 19
10-77	Penalties-yards 4-30
1-36	Int-yards 0-0
3 of 13	Third downs 5 of 15
0 of 1	Fourth Downs 0 of 0

WEEKEND PREVIEW

Northwest earned its first possession of the Old Hickory Stick in the first year of the trophy in 1931, winning 7-0.

Running back LaRon Council scored his 43rd rushing touchdown Saturday tying David Jansen for the second-most in program history.

Northwest has won seven in a row and 12 of the last 13 meetings with Truman.

Last season the Bearcats scored a touchdown on six straight possessions against Truman.

The teams first meeting was Oct. 30, 1908 and Truman won 63-0.

Northwest failed to score against the Bulldogs in their six meetings, not scoring until 1923.

ANNA: Extra training pays off

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as voted on by her teammates.

O’Brien didn’t compete during cross country last season, since she was coming back for another year, instead opting to red shirt.

“The first question was somebody else is going to have to be the number one runner,” Lorek said. “That had positives and negatives to it. There was some pressure on people. I think we’re seeing the benefits from it now more than last year. It really raised their expectations and competitiveness because they realized that they have to do the job and there’s no one ahead of me that’s going to do it.”

Sitting out also gave her extra time to train and prepare for track season. Her training paid off with the breaking of four school records.

In the first cross country meet, the Bearcat/Spoofhound invitational, O’Brien placed first with 19 minutes, 19 seconds.

“Anytime you get a few extra months of training to prolong your college career it’s going to be a benefit and that’s where we are now,” Lorek said. “She could’ve been done last spring, but now she had the summer and another fall. Physically, we’re going to have her best fall ever. She’s picking up right where she left off. It was a real good, solid start, she was assertive and runs like Anna runs.”

When cross country season is over, O’Brien will graduate with a degree in English education and minors in coaching and Spanish. She will student teach during the spring trimester before getting her diploma and deciding on where to attend graduate school.

Even after she moves on in life, running will still be a part of her that she doesn’t plan on letting go of.

“It will be really hard to leave competition behind,” O’Brien said. “I plan on continuing on and on and on; I mean, running is an addiction. You can ask anyone that runs everyday, you can’t get away from it. I’m going to do marathons eventually when I’m an old woman and do triathlons. But, now that I’m still a little fast I’ll probably do some 5Ks and road courses.”

Although O’Brien’s time as a Bearcat is almost up, she hopes to leave a legacy that will stay for years to come.

“I hope to leave the competitive drive that I have,” O’Brien said. “I hope to leave that attitude and my determination with these girls and they can see it and use it and then pass it on to the next runners.”



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GRADUATE ASSISTANT JOEL Osborn and sophomore wide receiver Jake Soy congratulate after a hail mary pass was completed. Soy went up and stole the ball away from UNO defenders for a 46 yard touchdown at the end of the first half.

RS-FR. WIDE RECEIVER Tyler Shaw tries to escape a defender after hauling in a 54 yards pass. Shaw had 2 catches for 66 yards.



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FAMILY WEEKEND
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NW VOLLEYBALL

Bearcats await nationally ranked Gorillas

By Brian Bosiljevac
Sports Editor

The Northwest volleyball team will use a week off to recover and prepare for conference foe Pittsburg State.

The team is recovering from last weekend where the 'Cats took their first conference win against Fort Hays State and also dropped a match to the No. 3 team in the country, Emporia State.

"It's great timing right now (the week off)," head coach Anna Tool said. "We've got a few kids who are needing a little more recovery time, with jumping so much and the high impact volleyball is it can really wear and tear on the knees and legs. There's players who have been getting passing reps, serve receiving and serving, but we've been able to give them a break from the pounding. It's really nice timing we need the time for a few people to heal up and be ready to go by Friday."

One of the players in most need of the time off is Laira Akin who went down with an injury in the fourth set of the loss to Emporia State. Akin leads the team with 535 assists, averaging just fewer than 10 a set. Akin is expected to return to play for Friday's match against the Gorillas.

In the loss to Emporia State the 'Cats won their first set against a nationally ranked squad, but missed the shot at an upset by dropping the third and fourth sets of the match.

"We need to continue to work on our consistency," Tool said. "We were right there in game four against Emporia when Laira Akin, our setter, went down. Monica Roof did a good job coming in (in Akin's place). We need to stay healthy. So we can have our strongest unit out there all the time. I think with each match we play we are getting mentally tougher and more challenging."

Sara Falcone and Ashley Mitchell led the 'Cats in kills in Friday and Saturday's matches. The two consistently continue to bring in high numbers for the team.

"We'd like to go back where we were at the beginning of the season and having a more balanced attack," Tool said. "Right now, traditionally Falcone and Mitchell have been carrying some pretty good stats. So we need more consistency from Alex Hanna on the left side and Amber Ryan in the middle. But sometimes it's who we are playing and what rotation they fall in. We are just looking for a little more balanced attack as we head into the next few matches."

Friday the 'Cats prepare to take on their fourth nationally ranked opponent of the year and try to pull off their first upset.

The 'Cats will face No. 21 Pittsburg State at 7 p.m. Friday in Bearcat Arena.

"I think we've shown ourselves that we can compete with any of the teams," Tool said. "It doesn't matter whether they're ranked or not. Emporia was ranked third and we took a set from them and we were playing right with them in game four. We just need to take that mentality that it really doesn't matter if the team is ranked. We need to go out there, play our game and we'll have a shot to beat anyone."

NW CROSS COUNTRY



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SENIOR ANNA O'BRIEN leads a talented group of women's Cross Country runners. O'Brien will finish her career here with four track records: the mile, the 5,000-meter run, the 1,000-meter run and 1, 500-meter run.

Record-breaking senior leaves mark

By Jason Lawrence
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Five years ago coach Scott Lorek recruited Anna O'Brien to be the first building block to bringing back Northwest's track and cross-country programs, but he got more than expected.

"She was part of my first recruiting class here and we had a lot of building to do," Lorek said. "So she was the first one to really get our program going. Not only was she like that first good freshman you bring in, but she also set the tone for other people and other recruits. She's significant in more ways than just being a good runner for us."

O'Brien came to Northwest from Easton, Mo., after setting four school track records at East Buchanan High School and leaving a mark as a state champion.

She continued her record-breaking ways as a Bearcat and will leave behind four track records. She broke three of them during the indoor

season last year.

The mile, the 5,000-meter run and the 1,000-meter run records all bear O'Brien's name. Her fourth record came during the outdoor season. She broke her own record in the 1,500-meter run with a time of four minutes, 36.76 seconds.

"It means a lot," O'Brien said. "I really wanted to leave a mark when I came in and I knew that I was capable of doing that, especially with a coach like Lorek behind me, training me and making me better. I knew that I would be able to leave that mark."

O'Brien had never competed in cross country before coming to Northwest, but still managed to break the school record in the 6K run her junior year.

With just a semester left to run, O'Brien has set some lofty goals for herself to achieve.

"One is going to nationals and the other one is getting the 5K record," O'Brien said. "I have the 6K, but I only have one chance to do that in a few

weeks. It's a very flat course, so we'll see, I think I can do it."

Her list of achievements don't stop with the records, she is also highly regarded by her teammates.

In 2007, O'Brien was given the Ashley Nally Bearcat Award for track and field.

"Ashley Nally was on the team my first year here and died in a car accident," Lorek said. "It's named after her. She was one of those people who works hard, had a great personality and was just a tremendous person. When I described that to the team, I say we want someone who exemplifies the things that Ashley Nally did. Everything that you think a Bearcat athlete should be, that's what you want to vote for."

She was also named the Outstanding Cross Country Athlete following the 2005-2007 seasons. Following the 2008 track season, she was given the Outstanding Track and Field Athlete Award,

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NW FOOTBALL



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SENIOR DEFENSIVE TACKLE Tyler Roach bobbles a loose ball. Roach had two blocked kicks in the game on Saturday.

'Cats face Truman for Old Hickory Stick

By Dustin Sander
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This weekend marks the 74th meeting for the Old Hickory Stick over the last 78 years, the oldest rivalry in Northwest history.

Every season since 1931, with the exception of 1942-'45 during World War II, Truman State and Northwest have played for the coveted Old Hickory Stick. The two teams have played 88 times since 1908; tied for the seventh most in the NCAA.

"It means so much to our alums and that's the important thing and that's what we emphasize with our team that even though for us, for this team and teams of this time, Truman

hasn't been our biggest rival," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "It used to be it was Northwest and Northeast and that was 'the rivalry,' and that's changed a little bit but we want our kids to respect and grab hold of that tradition and we think that's important."

Surprising to most students on the Northwest campus Truman has dominated the Bearcats in the overall series 42-28-4. The Old Hickory Stick trophy is the oldest trophy game in Division II. Truman had won 11 straight from 1984-95 before coach Mel Tjeerdsma took over the reigns of the Northwest program. Since he began the 'Cats are 12-3 against Truman winning 12 of the last 13.

The last time Truman won the Old Hickory Stick was Northwest's Homecoming in 2001; the 'Cats had just beat No. 6 Pittsburg State and came home to lose 23-24 to the unranked Truman team. Northwest was No. 8 in the country and had won 41 straight games in the MIAA.

"Coach T (Tjeerdsma) talks about how we've had it for 13 of the last 14 years," Maryville native and senior safety Myles Burnsides said. "Well I remember when we didn't have it. Just being around the program for so long and it's our oldest rivalry and we always know we'll get Truman's best shot."

Truman has a new

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